

# **MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

Water Quality Division  
Water Protection Bureau  
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## **Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Fact Sheet Permit Termination**

Permittee:	RC Resources, Inc.
Permit Number:	MT0030287
Receiving Water:	Rock Creek, Miller Gulch, Unnamed Tributary to West Fork Rock Creek
Facility Name:	Rock Creek Mine
County:	Sanders
Facility Contact:	Doug Stiles
Facility Location:	Township 27N, Range 32W, Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35; Township 26N, Range 32W, Sections 3, 10, 15, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 32, and 33 Latitude: 48° 01' 39" N, Longitude: 115° 42' 15" W
Facility Type:	Privately-Owned Treatment Works, Minor
Number of Outfalls	Four

### **I. Permit Status**

RC Resources Inc. Rock Creek Mine's Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit was set to expire on January 31, 2021, but RC Resources Inc submitted a permit renewal application on August 4, 2020. DEQ reviewed the application, supplemental materials, and fees for completeness. DEQ issued a notice of deficiency on September 2, 2020. On October 19, 2020 and December 9, 2020, DEQ received a response addressing the application deficiencies and applicable fees. DEQ determined the application to be complete and administratively continued the permit on December 30, 2020.

## **II. Termination**

On September 27, 2022, RC Resources rescinded the renewal application for MPDES permit MT0030287 and requested that DEQ allow the permit to expire. RC Resources stated that none of the permitted outfalls have been constructed and a discharge has not been reported for the Rock Creek Mine. Therefore, DEQ proposes to terminate the permit pursuant to ARM 17.30.1363(1)(d), finding that there has been a permanent elimination in the potential to discharge.